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RE: VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO

Further information has been received regarding the activities of Vicente Lombardo Toledano during his stay in San Francisco, California, from April 22, 1945, to May 11, 1945.

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Lombardo Toledano prior to the latter's arrival in San Francisco. Arrangements appear to have been made by the daughter of Schneider, who, with her husband, were indicated to reside in the same apartment in Mexico City with Lombardo Toledano. The daughter is believed to have made arrangements for the financial reimbursement of her father for the accommodations offered Lombardo Toledano. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] having been with that firm in San Francisco since 1938.

It was previously reported that Lombardo Toledano had been in contact with Hector Raysse Reyes of the Uruguayan delegation at UNCIO. Confidential information received has disclosed that on May 8, 1945, Marian Bachrach, Executive Secretary of the Pan-American Council for Democracy who acted as Lombardo Toledano's interpreter, advised Lombardo Toledano that she had received a letter from Rodolfo in Montevideo, Uruguay, saying that Reyes was a good man who, in the past, worked with him (Rodolfo). It is believed that the Rodolfo referred to by Marian Bachrach is Rodolfo Ghioldi, Secretary General of the Argentine Communist Party who has been in exile in Uruguay for some time.

Information has been received that on May 1, 1945, Vassili Kuznetsov, Chairman of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions of the U.S.S.R. and a member of both the Russian delegation to UNCIO and the Russian delegation to the Oakland Conference of the World Federation of Trade Unions, made arrangements for Lombardo Toledano to confer with V. M. Molotov, People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, U.S.S.R. Kuznetsov stated, according to the source of information, that Lombardo Toledano was eager to have an interview with Molotov and suggested that the invitation for the meeting be extended by Molotov to Lombardo Toledano. It has been reported that such an interview was had on May 2, 1945.

Another highly confidential informant advised on May 1, 1945, that William Schneiderman, California State President of the Communist Political Association, was considering asking Lombardo Toledano to speak before one of the Association's meetings but that he had decided Lombardo Toledano should not address a Communist Political Association gathering.

Lombardo Toledano made several public appearances and granted several press interviews while in San Francisco. On May 1, 1945, there appeared in the "People's World", Communist dominated publication in San Francisco, an interview with Lombardo Toledano by Jane Gilbert, a reporter for that paper. The following pertinent portions of the interview as published in the "People's World" are set out below:

"The reorganization of the International Labor Office will come up for discussion at the meeting of ILO governing body at Quebec in June, said TOLEDANO, a member of the Administrative Committee of the World Labor Conference ...

"... at the last CTAL Conference, a resolution was passed asking International Labor Office 'reconstruction'.

"The ILO must suffer reorganization and revision in order to have the right to survive and work in the future. The ILO must be revolutionized.' ... He stated he considered the ILO 'standards' to be 'too low.'

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"The first task of the Administrative Committee is to bring the recommendations and decisions of the London World Labor Conference before the United Nations meeting at San Francisco. Another big task is seeking representation at San Francisco.

"Of course, the new world labor international wants representation within the new security organization--on all bodies. On all organizations of the future--the purpose of which is to assure peace and security for the peoples of the world--the working class has the right to be present."

In an interview reported in the "San Francisco Chronicle" on May 12, 1945, it was stated that Lombardo Toledano condemned the United Nations Conference Steering Committee for its refusal to extend

an invitation to observers from the World Federation of Trade Unions which had just completed its conference in Oakland, California. According to this newspaper story, Lombardo Toledano severely criticized the admission of Argentina to the UNCIO.

A highly confidential source advised that on the evening of May 3, 1945, Lombardo Toledano addressed a meeting at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco sponsored by Accion Democrata Espanola. In his address, Lombardo Toledano reportedly stated that he regarded the admission of Argentina to the United Nations Conference as "the greatest blow in years to the democratic American workers." He stated further that the Confederation of Latin-American Workers (CTAL) of which he is President "will wage an unceasing campaign to bring about the overthrow of the present Argentine Government and will work toward the establishment of a constitutional regime." It was reported that his speech was particularly critical of the United Nations Conference for its "appeasement procedure" toward Argentina, and that he remarked: "Until Franco is overthrown, the war in Spain will not end for us." In a personal conversation with the highly confidential source furnishing information regarding this address, Lombardo Toledano stated that he would lend all support possible to Spanish Republicans inside and outside Spain and that he was certain an absolute majority of the masses within the Spanish nation were opposed to Franco.

One Juan Zugadi, a native of Bilbao, Spain, was introduced to the informant as the President of Accion Democrata Espanola, the organization sponsoring the meeting. Members of the Committee in charge of the gathering were introduced to the informant as Victor De Diego, Javier Benedict and Victor Rodriques. Julio Alvarez Del Vayo, the last Foreign Minister of the Spanish Government overthrown in April, 1939, was present at this meeting.